to fill the available posts of LDCs in KVS (HQ) and Regional Offices earmarked for promotion to the tune of 10 per cent from among the Group 'D' employees posted there;

(b) if so, whether the decision has been implemented thereafter;

(c) if so, the details of Group 'D' employees who have been promoted to the posts of LDCs till date; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Two Group 'D' employees have been promoted to the post of L.D.C. so so ar.

(d) Does not arise.

National steering committee on text-books

2177. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the objectives of constituting the National Steering Committee on text books and what is its composition;

(b) what is the amount spent on the committee in 1991-92 and 1992-93 and what are the important recommendations made in 1992-93 and so far 1993;

(c) the number of meetings held the committee in 1993; and

(d) whether Government propose raise the status of the above commit and if so, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN TI MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOUR DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): SULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): and (b) The Ministry of Hum Resource Development has set up National Steering Committee in Ju 1991 to review the school text bo from the standpoint of national int ration. The composition of the Co mittee is given in Statement-I. (below). As per information recei from the NCERT, the Committee's S retariat, the amount spent on the Co mittee was Rs. 46,753|- in 1991-92 a Rs. 26,654/- in 1992-93. The imp tant recommendations made by Committee in 1992 and 1993 are gi in Statement-II.

(c) The Committee held two me ings in 1993.

(d) Yes, Sir. The proposal is a foll up of the discussions that took place the Conference of State Education Mi sters and educationists held on 1.2.19 The general view expressed at this C ference was that some statutory back to the National Steering Commit should be given for effective implem tation of the Committee's recommen tions.

Statement-I

Composition of the National Steering Committee on School textbook evaluation set by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education) on 6-8-91

(i) Prof. Bipan Chandra . . . . . Chairman
Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi.

(ii) Prof. N. S. Bose . . . . . Member
Formerly Vice-Chancellor Vishwa Bharti Shantinkictan,
West Bengal.

(iii) Prof. B. Sheik Ali . . . . . Member
Formerly Vice-Chancellor
University of Goa.

(iv) Prof. D. N. Dhanagare . . . . . Member
Member Secretary Indian Council of Social Science Research,
New Delhi.

(v) Prof. R.S. Sharma . . . . . Member
Former Chairman of ICHR
New Delhi.

(vi) Shri S. S. Bal . . . . . Member
Former Professor, Department of History, Guru Nanak Dev
University, Amritsar.

(vii) Dr. Ravinder Kumar . . . . . Member e
Director,
Nehru Memorial Museum Library.
New Delhi.

(viii) Prof. V. I. Subramoniam . . . . . Member
Honorary Director
International School of Dravidian Linguistics,
Trivandrum

(ix) Prof. Qamar Rais . . . . . Member
Department of Urdu.
Delhi University.

(x) Dr. D. N. Panigrahi . . . . . Member
Former-Professor,
Department of Education in Social Sciences and Humanities, NCERT,
New Delhi.

(xi) Shri S. H. Khan . . . . . Member
Former Professor.
Department of Pre-School & Elementary Education NCERT.
New Delhi.

(xii) Dr. (Ms.) Sarojini Regani . . . . . Member
Former Professor
Department of History Osmania University,
Hyderabad.

(xiii) Dr. Sita Ram Singh . . . . . Member
Former Professor
Department of History
Muzaffarpur.

(xiv) Prof. S. N. Roy . . . . . Member
Head, Department of Ancient History Culture (Archaeology)
Allahabad University,
Allahabad.

(xv) Prof. Ali Ashraf . . . . . Member
Former Vice-Chancellor,
Jamia Millia Islamic,
New Delhi.

(xvi) Prof. Arjun Dev . . . . . Member-Convenor
Head of the Department of Education in Social Sciences and Humanities, NCERT,
New Delhi.

Statement—II

Important Recommendations made by the National Steering Committee in 1992 *and* 1993

After making a sample review of the History, Mathematics and Hindi textbooks prescribed by the former Government of Uttar Pradesh for Secondary stage, the Committee has made the following recommendations in its meeting held on 30-31.1.1993:—

(i) withdrawal of History and Mathematics textbooks for classes IX-X brought out by Uttar Pradesh in 1992, four History and Social Science texbooks for classes IX-X brought out by a private publisher and some books published by a few private organisations.

(ii) urging the Government of U.P. to prepare new Hindi textbcoks for replacing the existing ones.

2. In its meeting held on 30-31.1.93, the National Steering Committee has made the following recommendations generally applicable to all school textbooks:—

(i) Textbooks should be based on well-established historical data and interpretations.

(ii) The intrusion of all forms of communalism, casteism, regional and linguistic chauvinism into textbooks has to be avoided.

(iii) Modalities of enforcing the national curricular framework with a common core so that all States con form to it have to be devised.

(iv) No textbooks which are not au thorised should be allowed to b used in schools, whether governmen aided or unaided, run by privat bodies or religious or cultural orga nisations.

(v) Textbooks should be written i conformity with the national curri cular framework and the guidelin prepared by the NCERT. Stat Boards should be set up for th preparation and authorisation c textbooks to be used in all school

3. The Committee also recommende to the Government of West Bengal t take steps to improve the quality c their History textbooks and to disallo the use of History textbooks which ha factual inaccuracies and biased repr sentation.

Bhujanga Rao Committee recommendations

2178. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RI SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased t state what is the progress of implemen tation with regard to the recommend tions of the Bhujanga Rao Committe set by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangath about two years ago?